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IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1 and 16 as filed in the original application and replace them with the following:

1. (Twice Amended) A connector assembly for removably interconnecting first conductors of a flexible circuit to a plurality of second conductors without the use of 01 FC:1201 ~~336.00 CH~~ conductive terminals, comprising:

a male connector including a relatively rigid male body member having an edge about which the flexible circuit is wrapped with the first conductors of the circuit facing away from the body member at the end thereof; and

an adapter including a first receptacle for removably receiving the male connector inserted edge-first into the first receptacle, and a second receptacle having first and second openings remote from each other and at different orientations for removably receiving the second conductors in two different directions for engaging the first conductors of the flexible circuit at the edge of the male body member.

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